

REPORT OF THE ALTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Alton Historical Society had a busy and productive year. Our programs were varied, interesting and well attended. Accepting the challenge from the Robert and Karin Findley Foundation for a grant of \$25, 000 for the historical society with the most new members, we added ninety-seven to our membership list, but did not win.

Again this year, most of our focus revolved around the J Jones Freight Building. The remaining sills were added and the floor in the second half strengthened. A new sign was installed and most of the building has been painted. We have received a \$4,409 grant from the Meredith Village Savings Bank for electrical work in the first part of the building which will include fixtures, smoke detectors and exit signs. We appreciate their generosity.

During the year we had two successful fundraisers to fund our project. A spaghetti supper was held in May before the Half-Lake Marathon. In June we participated in the town-wide yard sale which we held at the freight building.

The Museum Committee continues to work on collating all the many pieces of information in the museum. The museum was open to the public every Wednesday afternoon during July and August. An Open House was held the first of December on Light Up Night.

The booklet, "Alton, A Town to Remember," has been reprinted and copies are available at the town hall, the library or by calling any member of the executive board.

The executive board would like to extend their thanks and appreciation to all who have worked on the building, the bake sales and fundraisers. Anyone wishing to volunteer, join our Historical Society, receive our program, or visit the museum, please contact Nancy Thomas at 875-2488.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Thomas, President